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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 4 November 1999

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Democratic Republic of the Congo (S/1999/1116)

Letter dated 31 March 1998 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Papua New Guinea to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/1998/287)

Briefing by the Secretariat

Other matters

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

10 a.m.	46th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

1. Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) [52]
2. Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country: appointment of a member by the President [157]
3. Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency [14]:

   (a) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Agency (A/54/215)

   (b) Draft resolution (A/54/L.21)

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. — 23rd meeting — Conference Room 2

Action on all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 64, 65 and 67 to 85 *(continued)*

[Documents of the First Committee (A/C.1/54/INF.1 and Add. 1)]

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.-6 p.m. — 19th meeting — Conference Room 2

1. United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East [88] (A/54/13 and Add.1, A/54/338, A/54/345, A/54/376, A/54/377, A/54/385, A/54/477, A/C.4/54/L.13, L.14, L.15, L.16, L.17*, L.18 and L.19)

   General debate

2. Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories [89] (A/C.4/54/L.8*, L.9/Rev.1, L.10*, L.11* and L.12)

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. — 32nd meeting — Conference Room 4

Sectoral policy questions [98]

(a) Industrial development cooperation (A/54/320)

(b) Business and development (A/54/451)

General discussion

3 p.m.-6 p.m. — informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 6

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of the Chairman of the Committee on draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.8 *(item 100 (e))*

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Daúl Matute (Peru), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.3 *(item 105)*

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/9 and L.10 *(items 99 (g) and (d))*

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. — 32nd meeting — Conference Room 1

1. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [116 (b)] (A/54/93, A/54/137, A/54/216, A/54/222 and Add.1, A/54/303, A/54/319, A/54/336, A/54/353, A/54/360, A/54/386, A/54/399 and Add.1, A/54/401, A/54/439, A/54/491*)

2. Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [116 (c)] (A/54/188, A/54/302, A/54/330-S/1999/958, A/54/331-S/1999/959, A/54/359, A/54/361, A/54/365, A/54/366, A/54/387, A/54/396-S/1999/1000, A/54/409, A/54/422, A/54/440, A/54/465, A/54/466, A/54/467*, A/54/482, A/54/493, A/54/499*, A/C.3/54/3 and A/C.3/54/4)

3. Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of action [116 (d)]

4. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [116 (e)] (A/54/36, Suppl. No. 36)

   Introductory statement by the High Commissioner for Human Rights

   Dialogue with the High Commissioner for Human Rights

   Introductory statements by:

   Special Rapporteur on the Question of Torture

   Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Afghanistan

   Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Myanmar

   Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Iraq

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* To be issued.

3 p.m.-6 p.m. 33rd meeting Conference Room 1

1. Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People [113]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.45

2. Right of peoples to self-determination [115]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.29

3. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [116 (b)] (A/54/93, A/54/137, A/54/216, A/54/222 and Add.1, A/54/303, A/54/319, A/54/336, A/54/353, A/54/360, A/54/386, A/54/399 and Add.1, A/54/401, A/54/439, A/54/491*)

4. Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [116 (c)] (A/54/188, A/54/302, A/54/330-S/1999/958, A/54/331-S/1999/959, A/54/359, A/54/361, A/54/365, A/54/366, A/54/387, A/54/396-S/1999/1000, A/54/409, A/54/422, A/54/440, A/54/465, A/54/466, A/54/467*, A/54/482, A/54/493, A/54/499*, A/C.3/54/3 and A/C.3/54/4)

5. Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of action [116 (d)]

6. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [116 (e)] (A/54/36, Suppl. No. 36)

Introductory statements by:

Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in the Sudan

Independent Expert on the Situation of Human Rights in Haiti

Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Cambodia

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* To be issued.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. 26th meeting Conference Room 3

1. United Nations common system [126] (A/54/30, A/54/434, A/54/483, A/53/688 and A/C.5/54/24)

Conclusion of general discussion

2. Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [121] (A/54/6/Rev.1 (Vol. II), A/54/7 and A/54/16)

Political affairs (Part II)

Peacekeeping operations (Part II, section 5)

Peaceful uses of outer space (Part II, section 6)

International justice and law (Part III)

International Court of Justice (Part III, section 7)

Legal affairs (Part III, section 8 and A/53/643)

General discussion

3 p.m.-6 p.m. 27th meeting Conference Room 3

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [121] (A/54/6/Rev.1 (Vol. II), A/54/7 and A/54/16)

International cooperation for development (Part IV)

Economic and social affairs (Part IV, section 9 and A/53/643)

Africa: New Agenda for Development (Part IV, section 10)

Trade and development (Part IV, section 11A)

International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO (Part IV, section 11B, A/54/127 and A/53/7/Add.15)

General discussion

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. 26th meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

3 p.m. 27th meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-first session [155] (A/54/10 and Corr.1 and 2)

Afternoon*- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal consultations on the draft resolution concerning the report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization (item 159)

WORKING GROUP ON THE UNITED NATIONS DECADE OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

Morning** 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

* Following the adjournment of the 27th meeting of the Sixth Committee.

** Following the adjournment of the 26th meeting of the Sixth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Integrated Management Information System (IMIS)
2. Death and disability benefits
3. Executive session on the United Nations International Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK)

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 40 (b)

The informal consultations facilitated by the delegation of the United States of America on the draft resolution on agenda item 40 (b) (Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks) scheduled for *today*, 4 November 1999, have been postponed to Friday, 5 November 1999, and will be held from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Announcements

SECOND COMMITTEE

Copies of the compilation of amendments proposed to draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.4 (Science and technology) on the basis of written submissions are available in room S-2950.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Thursday, 4 November 1999

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(draft resolutions on item 100 (b) (International Decade for Natural Disasters) and 100 (f) (Implementation of the Global Conference on Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States))

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room D

ORGANIZATION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE:

CONTACT GROUP ON BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA AND KOSOVA

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

ARAB GROUP
(at the ambassadorial level)

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(draft resolution on item 97 (a) (Financing for development)

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6
1.45 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(draft resolution on item 114: racism and racial discrimination)

11.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

1.30 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

JOINT COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT AND THE GROUP OF 77
(on the Millennium Assembly and on briefing by the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mary Robinson)

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 4

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United Nations Institute for Training and Research

FRENCH-LANGUAGE WORKSHOP ON STRUCTURE, DRAFTING AND ADOPTION OF UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTIONS

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

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Informal consultations

There will be open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 40 (c) (Results of the review by the Commission on Sustainable Development of the sectoral theme of "oceans and seas"), convened by the coordinators (Canada and Pakistan), *today*, 4 November 1999, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Announcement

As from Monday, 1 November 1999, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Friday, 5 November 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	24th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	25th meeting	Conference Room 2

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	34th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	35th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	28th meeting	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	28th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	29th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

There will be a meeting to discuss General Assembly draft resolution A/54/L.7 on agenda item 162 (Observer status for the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources in the General Assembly) on Friday, 5 November 1999, at 9.30 a.m. in Conference Room A.

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Informal briefing

In connection with issues under discussion in the Second Committee, Mr. D.R. Mehta, Chairman of the Securities Exchange Board of India, will give an informal briefing on the topic of "New Challenges for Equity Markets in Developing Countries" on Monday, 8 November 1999, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The Third Committee will hear introductory statements by the Special Rapporteurs and Special Representatives presenting reports to the Committee under agenda item 116 (Human rights questions), until 8 November 1999, as follows:

On 5 November: Mr. Maurice Copithorne (Special Representative on the Situation of Human Rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran); Mr. Jiri Dienstbier (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia and Yugoslavia); and Mr. Michel Moussalli (Special Representative on the Situation of Human Rights in Rwanda); Mr. Ndiaye, Director of the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, will introduce the report of the representative of the Secretary-General on Internally Displaced Persons and the oral report of the Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Burundi;

On 8 November: Mr. Abdelfattah Amor (Special Rapporteur on Religious Intolerance).

Following the introduction of each of these reports, the floor will be open to members of the Committee for questions and comments.

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The 200th meeting of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country will be held on Friday, 5 November 1999, at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Informal consultations

The Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council, H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoaela (Lesotho), will continue to hold informal consultations on the report of the fourth special session of the Commission on Human Rights on Monday, 8 November 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8 (E/1999/23/Add.1 and E/1999/L.59).

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The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoaela (Lesotho), on Monday, 8 November 1999, at 10 a.m. sharp in Conference Room 9.

The Secretary of the Information Systems Coordination Committee (Geneva) will present the activities of the Committee with an on-line demonstration of tools developed by the Committee for Member organizations.

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United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

List of speakers

The third session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention will take place from 15 to 26 November 1999 in Recife, Brazil. The special segment on the implementation of the Convention will be held from 22 to 24 November 1999. Statements at this segment will be open to Parties, observers, international intergovernmental organizations, multilateral agencies and institutions accredited to the Conference, United Nations programmes and specialized agencies with representation at the appropriate level. It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 6 minutes.

The list of speakers for the special segment on 22 and 23 November is now open in New York. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for this segment are requested to contact the office of the Secretary of the Conference of the Parties (Ms. June Chesney; tel.: (212) 963-5742; fax: (212) 963-5935). A list of speakers for other statements by Parties and observers in the Plenary during the first week of the session will open in Recife on Monday, 15 November.

The provisional agenda and the organization of work contained in document ICCD/COP(3)/1 can be retrieved from the Optical Disk System or from the Convention Web site at the following address: http://www.unccd.de

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETING OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on the fourth substantive session of the Open-ended Preparatory Committee on the South Summit)* on Friday, 5 November 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4.

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In accordance with paragraph 86 of the report on the eleventh session of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (A/54/39), informal consultations of the High-level Committee will be held on Monday, 8 November 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 7, to discuss the theme for the twelfth session of the Committee proposed by the Group of 77 and China entitled "The role of technical cooperation among developing countries in science and technology for development". The informal consultations is open to all Member States.

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Discussion

The Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs will hold a discussion of a draft paper on "Resources for Social Development" presented by Professor Anthony Clunies Ross on Monday, 15 November 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. This discussion will be chaired by H.E. Mr. Cristian Maquieira (Chile). All interested members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Della Wong (tel.: (212) 963-2598).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 3 November 1999

SECURITY COUNCIL

4059th meeting

Election of five members of the International Court of Justice (S/1999/939, S/1999/940/Rev.1 and Add.1 and S/1999/941)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The delegations of France and the United States were selected, by the drawing of lots by the President, to serve as tellers.

On the first ballot, Mr. Awn Shawkat Al-Khasawneh, Mr. Gilbert Guillaume, Ms. Rosalyn Higgins, Mr. Gonzalo Parra-Aranguren and Mr. Raymond Ranjeva received the required absolute majority of votes in the Security Council.

The President of the Council read out the text of a letter he had received from the President of the General Assembly, communicating the result of the voting held at the 45th plenary meeting of the General Assembly.

Having received the required absolute majority of votes both in the Security Council and in the General Assembly, Mr. Awn Shawkat Al-Khasawneh, Mr. Gilbert Guillaume, Ms. Rosalyn Higgins, Mr. Gonzalo Parra-Aranguren and Mr. Raymond Ranjeva were elected as members of the International Court of Justice for a term of office of nine years beginning on 6 February 2000.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

45th plenary meeting

Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs: election of five members of the International Court of Justice [15 (c)]:

(a) Memorandum by the Secretary-General (A/54/305)

(b) List of candidates (A/54/306/Rev.1)

(c) Curricula vitae (A/54/307)

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 264 (III), Switzerland was invited to participate in the election to fill vacancies in the International Court of Justice.

The President informed the General Assembly that the Secretariat had received a note verbale dated 1 November 1999 from the Permanent Mission of the Democratic Republic of the Congo communicating that the national group of that country had decided to withdraw the candidature of Mr. Mikuin-Leliel Balanda.

The President further informed the General Assembly that, as the national group of the Democratic Republic of the Congo was the only national group that had nominated Mr. Mikuin-Leliel Balanda, he was therefore no longer a candidate. His name had therefore been deleted from the ballot paper.

In the first ballot all six candidates obtained an absolute majority of vote. This situation had never occurred before in the General Assembly. The President indicated that the same situation had however occurred in the Security Council on several previous occasions. The President drew the attention of representatives to paragraph 14 of the memorandum by the Secretary-General (A/54/305). The General Assembly, on the proposal of the President, decided to proceed to a second round of balloting to fill the five vacancies.

In the second ballot Mr. Awn Shawkat Al-Khasawneh (Jordan), Mr. Gilbert Guillaume (France), Ms. Rosalyn Higgins (United Kingdom), Mr. Gonzalo Parra-Aranguren (Venezuela) and Mr. Raymond Ranjeva (Madagascar) received the required absolute majority of votes.

The President read out a letter that he had received from the President of the Security Council communicating the results of the voting held at the 4059th meeting of the Council.

Having received the required absolute majority of votes both in the General Assembly and in the Security Council, Mr. Awn Shawkat Al-Khasawneh (Jordan), Mr. Gilbert Guillaume (France), Ms. Rosalyn Higgins (United Kingdom), Mr. Gonzalo Parra-Aranguren (Venezuela) and Mr. Raymond Ranjeva (Madagascar) were elected members of the International Court of Justice for a term of office of nine years beginning on 6 February 2000.

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (c) of agenda item 15.

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 18th meeting

United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East [88]

The Committee continued its general debate began and heard statements by the representatives of Ghana, Oman, China, Malaysia, Indonesia, Cuba, Bangladesh, Canada, Turkey, the Syrian Arab Republic, Kuwait and Cyprus.

The observer for the Holy See made a statement.

Organization of work

The Chairman drew members' attention to draft resolutions A/C.4/54/L.8 to A/C.4/54/L.19 relating to agenda items 88 and 89.

SECOND COMMITTEE 31st meeting

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [99]

(a) Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.20

The representative of Guyana introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Sectoral policy questions [98]

(a) Industrial development cooperation

(b) Business and development

The Committee began its consideration of the item and heard introductory statements by the Special Representative and Assistant Director-General of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and the Director of the Division for Public Economics and Public Administration of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

Deadline for the submission of draft proposals

The Committee was reminded that the deadline for the submission of draft proposals under item 100 was Thursday, 4 November, at 6 p.m.

At the request of the representative of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the Committee agreed to postpone the deadline for the submission of draft proposals under sub-item 97 (a) to Friday, 5 November, at 6 p.m.

THIRD COMMITTEE 30th meeting

Advancement of women [109]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.14/Rev.1

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The Committee was informed that the revised draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of the Dominican Republic announced that China, Japan and Seychelles had joined in sponsoring the revised draft resolution.

Subsequently, the Czech Republic, Eritrea, Mongolia and Viet Nam joined in sponsoring the revised draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the revised draft resolution.

Human rights questions: implementation of human rights instruments [116 (a)]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Japan, Slovenia, Colombia, the Syrian Arab Republic, China, Burkina Faso, Trinidad and Tobago, Singapore, Indonesia, Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Egypt, Australia (also on behalf of New Zealand, Canada and Norway), Pakistan and India.

A statement was also made by the representative of the Office of the United Nations Commissioner for Refugees.

Organization of work

Following a statement by the representative of Cuba, the Committee agreed to take action on those draft proposals which were ready for action at 3 p.m. each day.

31st meeting

Advancement of women [109]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.18/Rev.1

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The Committee was informed that the revised draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of the Philippines announced that Burkina Faso, the Congo, Costa Rica, Haiti, Ireland, Kenya, Malawi, Mali, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Paraguay, Togo and Indonesia had joined in sponsoring the revised draft resolution.

Subsequently, El Salvador joined in sponsoring the revised draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the revised draft resolution.

Human rights questions: implementation of human rights instruments [116 (a)]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of the Philippines, Bahrain, Papua New Guinea, Slovakia, the United Arab Emirates, Brunei Darussalam, the Bahamas, the United Republic of Tanzania, Saudi Arabia and Nigeria.

Organization of work

The Committee was informed that on Friday, 5 November, the Committee will hear the introduction of draft proposal A/C.3/54/L.46 (agenda item 112), L.26 and L.28 (agenda item 114) and will take action on L.24 (agenda item 107).

FIFTH COMMITTEE 24th meeting

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [121]

The Committee began its section-by-section consideration of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 (A/54/6/Rev.1, Vol. I-III) together with the relevant chapters of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (A/54/16) and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/54/7).

The Chairman made a statement as to the procedure the Committee would follow regarding the consideration of the various sections of the proposed programme budget.

The representative of Cuba made a statement.

Part I. Overall policy-making, direction and coordination

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions made a general statement on Chapters I and II of the Committee's report and introduced sections 1 and 2 of Part I (A/54/7).

Section 1. Overall policy-making, direction and coordination

Statements were made by the representatives of Bangladesh, Canada, the Philippines, the United States, Algeria, Cuba, Pakistan, Japan and Uganda.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, the Controller and the Director of the Budget Division replied to questions raised.

The Committee completed the first reading of section 1 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

The representative of Cuba made a statement.

The Chairman also made a statement.

Section 2. General Assembly affairs and conference services (A/C.5/54/18, A/C.5/54/19 and A/53/833)

Statements were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus and Malta), Canada, Chile, Mexico, Algeria, China, the United States, Saudi Arabia, Cuba, Japan, Uganda, Pakistan and the Syrian Arab Republic.

The Director of the Budget Division and the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions replied to questions raised.

The Committee completed the first reading of section 2 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

The representative of Cuba made a statement.

The Chairman also made a statement.

Other matters

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a statement in connection with the consideration by the Committee on Information on the question of the development, maintenance and enrichment of United Nations Web sites.

The Chairman made a statement.

25th meeting

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [121]

The Committee continued its section-by-section consideration of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced sections 3, 4, 5 and 6 of Part II (A/54/7).

Part II. Political affairs: Section 3. Political affairs

Statements were made by the representatives of Brazil, Egypt, the United States, Algeria, Cuba, Japan, Pakistan and the Philippines.

The Chairman of the Committee for Programme and Coordination and the Director of the Budget Division replied to questions raised.

The Committee completed the first reading of section 3 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

Section 4. Disarmament

Statements were made by the representatives of Brazil, Mexico, Egypt, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Algeria, China, the United States, Cuba, the United Republic of Tanzania and Japan.

The Director of the Budget Division replied to questions raised.

The Committee completed the first reading of section 4 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

Section 5. Peacekeeping operations

Statements were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta, Iceland and Norway), Brazil, Bangladesh, Canada, Pakistan and Japan.

Organization of work

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

The Chairman also made a statement.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 25th meeting

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-first session [155]

The Chairman of the International Law Commission, Prof. Zdzislaw Galicki, introduced Chapters VIII, IX and X of the report of the Commission.

Statements were made by the representatives of Japan, Germany, Tunisia, New Zealand, Guatemala, Croatia, Argentina, Finland (on behalf of the European Union), Israel, the Czech Republic, the United States, the Republic of Korea, China, the Niger, Poland and Sweden (on behalf of the Nordic countries).

The Chairman also spoke.

1999 UNITED NATIONS PLEDGING CONFERENCE FOR DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES 2nd meeting

Statements regarding pledges

Statements were made and pledges announced by members of the Conference.

Adoption of the draft report

The Conference adopted its draft report contained in document A/CONF.190/L.1.

Closure of the Conference

The Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund and the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund made concluding statements.

The President of the Conference made a concluding statement and declared the 1999 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities closed.

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COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION
Twenty-first session 9th meeting

Statements were made by the representatives of Algeria, Argentina, Côte d'Ivoire, Egypt, Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), India, Indonesia, the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Netherlands.

The Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information also made a statement.

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Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
Sixty-seventh session
United Nations Office at Geneva

WEDNESDAY, 3 NOVEMBER 1999

1807th (closed) meeting

The Committee considered communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant (agenda item 8).

The Committee then considered the concluding observations on Cameroon (CCPR/C/79/Add.116).

1808th (closed) meeting

The Committee adopted the concluding observations on Cameroon.

The Committee then resumed its consideration of agenda item 8.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Persons and of the Exploitation of the Prostitution of Others. Lake Success, New York, 21 March 1950

Accession: Côte d'Ivoire (2 November 1999)*

Convention on the Nationality of Married Women. New York, 20 February 1957

Accession: Côte d'Ivoire (2 November 1999)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staff Council

There will be a meeting of the Staff Council *today*, 4 November 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The meeting is open to staff members only.

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Special event

A seminar to commemorate the eighteenth anniversary of the Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief will be held on Friday, 5 November 1999, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. The United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mary Robinson, will deliver the keynote address at 9.15 a.m. Following her remarks, there will be a panel composed of H.E. Mr. Anwarul Karim Chowdury, Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the Unit-ed Nations; H. E. Mr. Janis Bjorn Kanavin, Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Prof. David Little, Harvard University; Dr. William Vendley, Secretary-General, World Conference on Religion and Peace; and Nikoo Mahboubian, President, NGO Committee on Freedom of Religion or Belief (co-sponsor of the event, with the International NGO Committee on Human Rights and the Values Caucus). Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Exhibits

The photography exhibit entitled "Images of the Twentieth Century", from the Florentine photography archives and the Museum "Fratelli Alinari", organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy, in cooperation with the Department of Public Information, will be on display until Friday, 5 November 1999, at the Visitors' Entrance of the Secretariat Building.

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A Chinese painting and calligraphy exhibit entitled "Nature and Humanity", organized by the Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China, in cooperation with the Department of Public Information and the General Office of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, will be on display from 8 to 18 November 1999 at the Visitors' Entrance of the Secretariat Building.

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An exhibit entitled "The Three-Cornered Island - Sicilian Cartography from the Sixteenth to Mid-nineteenth Century", organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy, will be on display until Friday, 12 November 1999 in the first basement of the Secretariat Building (near the Viennese Café).

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